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WEEK DAYS

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Kowloon	Dep.	6.40	8.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.25	7.10
Yau-mat	Dep.	6.50	8.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.36	7.19
Shatin	Dep.	7.02	8.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Tai-po	Dep.	7.18	8.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Tai-po Market	Dep.	7.31	8.59	11.18	12.48	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48
Fanning	Dep.	7.32	9.00	11.19	12.49	1.54	5.14	6.09	7.49
Shung-shui	Dep.	7.36	9.07	11.26	12.56	1.58	5.18	6.13	7.53
Shum-chun	Arr.	7.42	9.13	11.32	13.02	2.03	5.24	6.19	8.08

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum-chun	Dep.	7.21	8.56	10.36	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08
Shung-shui	Dep.	7.28	9.02	10.42	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanning	Dep.	7.32	9.06	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Tai-po Market	Dep.	7.42	9.16	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Tai-po	Dep.	7.46	9.20	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin	Dep.	7.59	9.40	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yau-mat	Dep.	8.12	9.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon	Arr.	8.28	9.03	11.37	12.44	4.03	5.16	6.11	7.06

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Kowloon	Dep.	6.40	8.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.25	7.10
Yau-mat	Dep.	6.50	8.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.36	7.19
Shatin	Dep.	7.02	8.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Tai-po	Dep.	7.18	8.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
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THEOSOPHY & CHRISTIANITY. LECTURE BY MR. JOHN RUSSELL BEFORE LOCAL SOCIETY.

At last Wednesday's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society Mr. John Russell lectured on "Theosophy and Christianity." He said in brief: Theosophy which is the Divine Wisdom on which all the religions of the world without exception are founded, has not, and cannot have, any quarrel with any, and considering that every religion is the people's natural way for the search of God, we do not ask anyone to leave his religion for another. In coming into the Theosophical Society, a man does not leave his own religion, does not quit his own Church or religious community, is not asked to change his faith, is not asked to renounce his creed. Within the limits of the Theosophical Society we have people of every religion which is known to the world, all meeting on the platform of brotherhood, of the Divine in man. That which we seek after is Truth, and we do not believe that Truth is confined to any religion, or to any special sect. We try to throw a light on its difficulties and to restore to any religion its original teachings which in the course of time it has lost. A very large number of the more intellectual and learned Christians have left the Churches which always complain of their lessening influence, and we cannot help thinking that there is something lacking, not in religion itself but in its presentation. May it not be that in the way Christianity is put to-day, with the growing intelligence and conscience of the time, there are things which shock the conscience and outrage the intellect? No religion can afford to leave the thoughtful and the cultured, the philosopher and the metaphysician, nothing to be said to them. The form of belief that suits the least cultivated must inevitably repel the thoughtful, the artistic, the cultured, and the intellectual. In the early days Christianity had not only its little children, but also its great philosophers, its mighty doctors of Science of the Spirit, its deep conceptions for the highly cultivated, its profound mysteries for the spiritual man. It was St. Paul himself who said: "I speak wisdom unto those that are perfect." Why should those that are perfect deny to those who cannot understand it the great mysteries of Christianity? What has become of that great teaching Christ gave to his own disciples, the teaching which was not given to the outside public who came to listen to Him? He said: "To them I speak in parables, but unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God." What has become of those ancient teachings which Jesus had given "within the house" to His apostles and not to the masses outside, which made a knowledge of God possible to the human soul?

MEDICINE FOR SINNERS.

Remember how Origen declared that while the Church had medicine for the sinner, it was not on sinners that the Church of Christ could be built up. He declared that what the Church needed, in order that it might be strong, were what he called the Gnostics. But where are the Christian Gnostics now? The Gnostic was the man who knew, meanwhile the mass of the Christian congregation were believers, and the Gnostics were their teachers and leaders. A change is now coming over Christendom. Mystic Christianity is coming back. Up and down through Christendom we find clergy and priests who are drinking at the fountain of the ancient knowledge, with the spreading of Theosophy within the Church itself. The crude literalism that killed is dying, everywhere spiritual interpretations are daringly being offered instead. Take the great doctrine of the Atonement. It was not possible in the days of Christ that Revealers of God, so full of tenderest compassion, of all-embracing love—to regard God the Father whose love He revealed—as a wrathful Judge and condemner of the whole human race. It was not possible to those more spiritual Christians to regard the sacrifice of the Divine Son as a sacrifice offered to propitiate the wrath of an angry Father, but gradually, instead of a loving Father revealed by the Christ, there grew up the terrible figure of an angry god, and the Church idea of "The Wrath of God to Man." That is the title of the famous work of Anselm the Archbishop. This idea became the doctrine of Atonement in the Christian Church, and became deeply rooted as an essential teaching of Christianity, till within the bosom of the Church itself rose revolt against that doctrine, the note being struck by the Broad Church Party in England. What view would Theosophy put forward as the true view of the Atonement? It would say that the Christ symbolizes a certain stage of the unfoldment of the Divine Spirit in man, a stage at which unity is practically realized when the Spirit in all forms knows itself as one. It would say that He whom you call the Christ, having reached the stage of utter unity with God and man alike, it became possible for Him to share with man man's weaknesses, by virtue of a perfect identity of nature. We are separate the one from the other, yes, but Christ has grown above all barriers through the realization of His Oneness with the Spirit in all forms, and He looks down alike on all forms, being able to pour His Spirit into them all. His purity, His love. He can help them to be what He is, by virtue of that unobstructed communication. But He not only shares His purity with them, but also shares their sin. That is the greatness of the truly spiritual man who has reached the stage of the Christ that he cannot be separated from the lowest, vilest.

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as there is perfect unity of the spirit in both. He makes oneness, atonement by lifting manhood into divinity, making pure all who realize the oneness. Thus Atonement means identity of nature and not substitution. We all shall one day attain to the Christ stage, the guarantee is with lies in the command of the Christ himself: "Be you therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect."

DOCTRINE OF PRAYER.

Take another doctrine—that of Prayer, which in its highest form is the opening up of the whole nature to higher things. It is the putting yourself in a receptive attitude, to open up the avenues between man and God, or, to speak more accurately, the avenues between the God within you and the God without. As you contemplate Divine purity, Divine wisdom, Divine love, those qualities reproduce themselves in your nature, and awaken the divinity within you, sleeping in the innermost of your being.

Theosophy has also something to say about the Doctrine of Reincarnation being a part of the Christian heritage. It is not a doctrine to be taken from Hindu or Buddhist, not a doctrine to be borrowed from Greek, Roman or Egyptian, but a doctrine to be found in the teachings of the early Church, as a part of the faith once delivered to the Saints. True, it fell out of the great part of the Church; and with it came all the teachings against which the modern conscience revolts. Through Reincarnation, hell and heaven become exactly what they used to be—temporary conditions, and so they become rational instead of irrational. By bringing back to Christendom its doctrine of reincarnation, we destroy the everlasting hell and the everlasting heaven, and give back to human life that strength and that dignity which came out of the knowledge of an eternal state.

What we call the law of Karma, the law of cause and effect, is put very well by St. Paul in the Epistle to the Galatians: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." If a man wants happiness he must sow happiness, if he wants to reap purity he must sow pure thoughts, pure words, pure deeds; if he wants to reap nobility he must sow noble thoughts. We Theosophists only desire to deepen and re-establish knowledge, to give you back your own, to widen thought, to make spirituality more real, so that obstacles to the spreading of the spirit of the Christ may disappear and those who, under many names, and in many religions, worship the spirit of Truth and Love, may be seen as brothers and not heathens, who are in truth the children of God and share in the worship of the Cosmic Christ.

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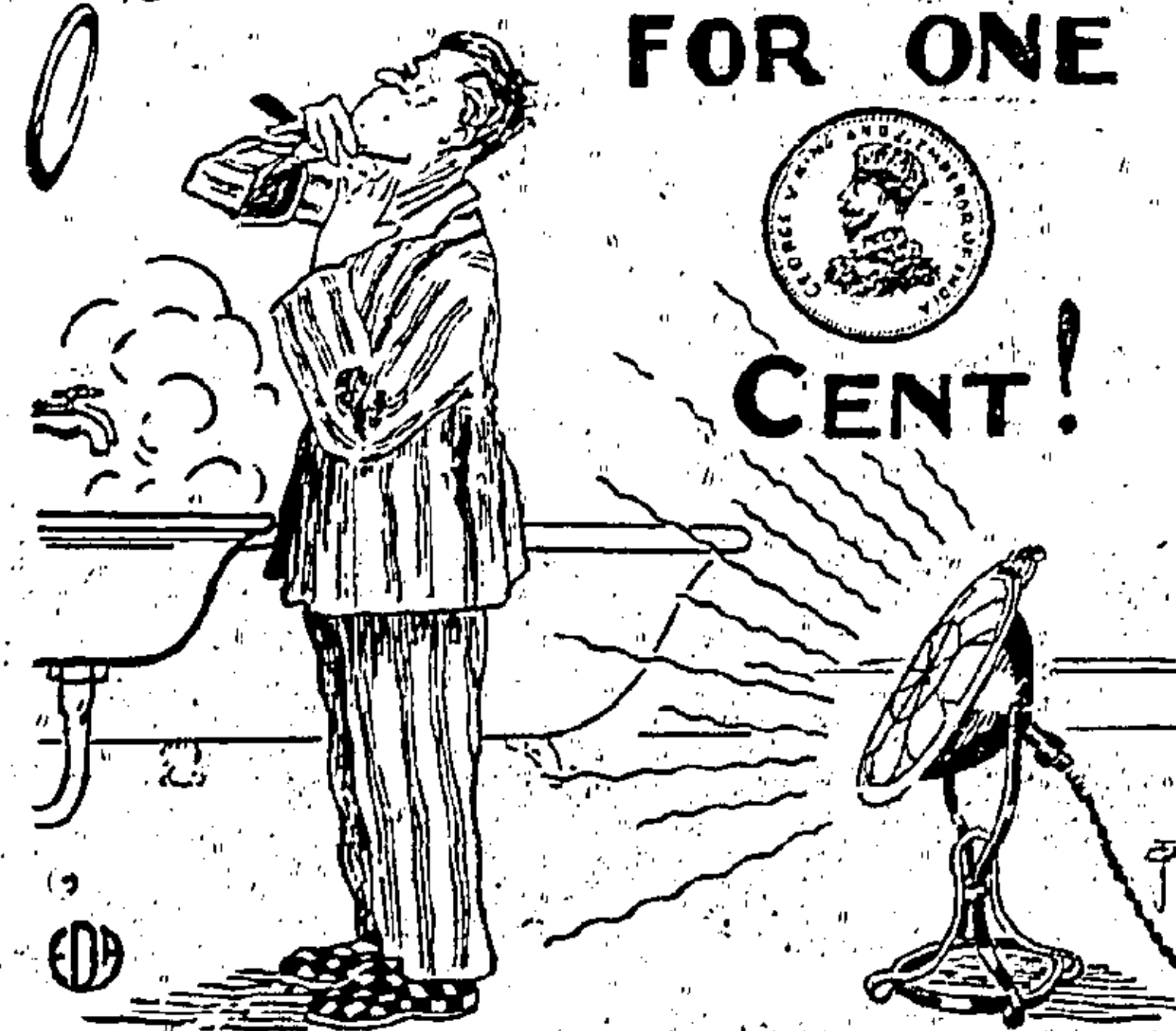
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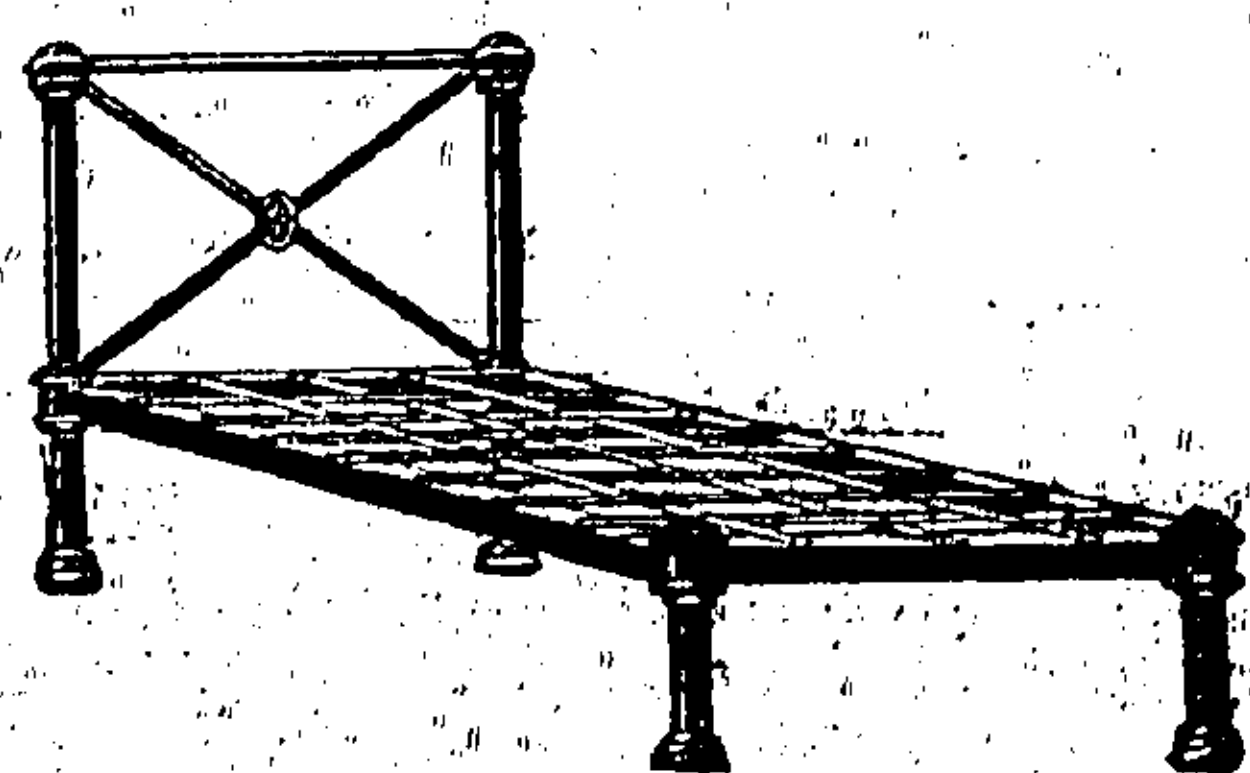
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TURF TOPICS.

SATURDAY'S HANDICAPS UNDER
ANALYSIS.

COMPARISON OF TIMES.

[BY ARGUS.]

The weights allotted in the three classes of the Fanning Handicap and the classification of the ponies have proved an eye-opener to the majority of careful students of form.

The innovation of three classes was understood to be chiefly due to the number of ponies now racing in Hongkong that have been branded with the "R" on the off shoulder, signifying that, in the opinion of the Shanghai board of inspection, they are not eligible to run as "China" ponies. Naturally the better-class handicap ponies of the old brigade would also be included in the "A" class.

The scarcity of foreign-breds among the nominations, left the handicappers doubtless in somewhat of a quandary, from which they had to extricate themselves as best they could, but this year's subscription griffins have had to suffer.

The handicappers had the names of 38 ponies submitted. Of these, 12 appear in "A" class and 13 in each of the other.

The inclusion of Poppy Leaf in class "A" is certainly surprising. This sub-griffin ran unplaced in the Valley Stakes on February 18th; on the following day he ran second to Mowgli in the "subs" Challenge Cup (11 miles) the time being 2:48.3; he won the Hongkong Stakes (11 miles) in 2:37.3 on the 18th and last Saturday was beaten by Demon Boy in the "subs" Champions (11 miles), the time being 2:47.4. He is in the Fanning Handicap with 149 lbs. (9 lbs. under weight for inches) and is asked to concede 1 lb. to Loch Rannoch, 2 lbs. to King Alfred and three each to Auchenroch, Primrose Leaf and Magnificent Dahlia.

Now Loch Rannoch, with an impost of 157 lbs., won the Phœnix Stakes, "B" class (11 miles) in 2:41.3, after being left 100 yards behind at the start. King Alfred beat Loch Rannoch in the Garrison Cup (1 mile), each carrying 162 lbs. Auchenroch was fourth behind Grey Morn, in a mile run in 2:04.3; second to Grey Knight in the American Cup (7½ soids) in 1:54.2.

Primrose Leaf, packing 148 lbs., won the Hongkong Handicap "B" class in 2:41.3.

The absurdity of the weight allotted to Poppy Leaf—let alone his inclusion in "A" class—even with 9 lbs. beneath weight for inches—is too glaring to need further comment.

Magnificent Dahlia, it is true, has never been placed in a mile and a quarter race. This, however, is no valid reason why he should be in receipt of weight from Poppy Leaf, though his past failures at the distance could be advanced against his inclusion in the top class.

Valid reasons could be advanced for the inclusion in "A" class of Carnation Leaf, second to Loch Rannoch in the Phœnix Stakes (11 miles) in 2:41.3; Dictator Dahlia, fourth to Chicago in the Jockey Club Stakes (11 miles) won in 2:37.4, when the also-rans included McKenzie and Gold Leaf. Curiosity Shop and Golden Chrysanthemum are also entitled to class "A" rank in the Fanning Handicap. The former ran second to Local Option in the Trial Plate (11 miles), time 2:39.1-3, while the latter was only beaten a head by Primrose Leaf, last Saturday, in the Hongkong Handicap (11 miles) won in 2:41.3.

CLASS "B."

On glancing at the weights for the "B" class one finds Demon Boy (158 lbs.) on the same level as Dictator Dahlia, Golden Chrysanthemum and Grey Dragon with Curiosity Shop (second to the triple winner, Local Option) in receipt of 1 lb. Curiosity Shop ran nowhere in the Derby, but was fourth to King of the Plains in the Black Rock Stakes (11 miles) won in 2:42.3, the same afternoon. Last Saturday, he was unplaced in a 6 furlong race, but presumably staying is his forte.

Tadworth, a sub-griffin like Poppy Leaf and Demon Boy, is also in "B" class, allotted 158 lbs., asked to concede weight to Fern Leaf, Friarsfield and Baby Eyes—not to mention Gaudie!

CLASS "C."

More surprises are in store, however, when we come to "C" class.

(Continued on next column).

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

K.C.C. v. H.K.V.D.C.

The following will represent the Volunteers against the Kowloon Cricket Club at Kowloon tomorrow at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—E. J. H. Mitchell (capt.), A. C. L. Bowker, G. R. More, E. F. Stewart, H. E. Hollands, J. A. H. Plummer, L. D. McNicoll, G. R. Vallack, W. H. Edwards, M. M. Watson, and H. M. Howell.

UNIVERSITY 1st XI. v. CIVIL
SERVICE C.C.

The following will represent the University 1st XI. in a League match against the Civil Service C.C. tomorrow, at 2 p.m. sharp on the University ground:—H. N. Bullock (capt.), Rev. E. K. Quick, Prof. F. A. Redmond, A. S. Hett, A. A. Rumjahn, T. E. Yeoh, T. O. Yeow, J. L. Youngs, A. Houlton, S. Huchinson, and B. P. Nye.

FOOTBALL.

K.F.C. RES. v. SOUTH CHINA "A."

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon Reserves tomorrow in their 2nd division league match versus South China "A." on the Kowloon ground. Kick-off at 2.45 p.m. sharp:—C. Stewart; W. H. Brown and D. Croghart; A. W. Brown (capt.), C. Cavellie, and S. Randle; C. Morris, A. Latham, C. Millard, M. Mason, and A. Fitzgerald. Reserves: W. H. Pirratt, B. Vickers and V. Hunt.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE v. Q.C.O.B.A.

The annual football match between Queen's College and Q.C.O.B.A. takes place tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. on the College ground at Causeway Bay. The teams will be as under:—

Queen's College: Li Ping Tong (captain), Cheung Fook Ku, Cheung Hung Fook, Lai Sze Chiu, Lau Shing Chow, Lau Kwok Yui, Li Woon Ting, Ng Hing Wah, Ng Hon Hing and Wan Young Kong.

The Q.C.O.B.A. (Selected from)—In Kau Ko (captain), F. M. Argill, Chau Hau Leung, Y. Hachiuma, S. A. Ismail, Kwok Po Nam, Lam Hay, Li Siu Lun, Lo Fung, Ng Kam Chuen, Tsoi Ping, Su, and Chan Fong.

HOCKEY.

H.K.H.C. v. THE ARMY.

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Hockey Club against the Army in the last match of the Sim Shield series:—E. W. Hamilton, A. A. Dand, C. L. R. Becker, A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), E. L. Sim, G. R. More, T. J. Price, W. Woodward, R. D. Evans, and G. R. Vallack.

Whichever side wins, will win the Shield for 1925. In the event of a draw there will be a tie between the Navy, Army, and the Hongkong Hockey Club. The Shield will be presented to the winners after the match by Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.

To my mind, the classification of the ponies should be as far as possible be with due regard to the times of the races in which they have run. One of the faults, on former occasions, has been the attempt to give the owner with more than one entry chance to start a pony in each class. This desire to "make up fields" naturally proved a failure.

The classification scheme is bound to prove a failure if the time test is so completely ignored as has been done in this case. With both ponies fit and well, Chicago would leave Poppy Leaf "standing still" even if the latter was "turned loose" as the saying goes—not to mention others in the race. Similar remarks apply in classes "B" and "C" as regards the sub-griffins.

As a reliable test, the handicaps on Saturday are doomed to prove a sorry failure.

"THE HIDDEN HAND."

When the handicaps were first assigned, it was a "safe bet" that they were not the work of either Messrs. M. T. Johnson or F. Sutton.

In the hopes that the framer of the weights for Saturday would be able to advance some reasonable explanation of how he arrived at his classification, I set forth to find him yesterday morning.

A "friend at Court" informed me that the identity of the person (or persons) responsible for the handicapping was not to be disclosed. Enquiry from Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Secretary to the Hongkong Jockey Club, left me in the same position; so that I must leave the person or persons responsible for the handicap fiasco to maintain his or their anonymity until he or they see fit to come out into the open.

In the meantime, I would, in all seriousness, suggest that the Stewards or Committee in charge of the Extra Meetings exercise their prerogative and "consider it necessary to modify conditions," cancel the handicaps, and, if Messrs. Johnson and Sutton are unwilling to officiate, obtain the services of some one better qualified than the framer of the present handicaps.

I submit that, without doing more than scratch the surface, I have proved my case. In common justice to Mr. H. P. White, the father of the three-class scheme, to owners and to themselves, the Stewards should nip this handicap fiasco in the bud.

Unpleasant as the task is to criticize the work of an unsalaried handicapper, I should be lacking in my duty to the racing fraternity and public if I did not expose what is the sorriest attempt to classify ponies and allot weights that has ever, to my knowledge, appeared in print.

HELENA MAY MUSICALS.

A FINE PROGRAMME.

Another very enjoyable musical took place at the Helena May Institute yesterday.

There was a good attendance and the audience fully appreciated the excellent programme provided, and which was rendered in a manner that earned hearty applause for each contributor.

The mezzo-soprano solos of Mrs. Sears and Mrs. N. Matheson and the tenor solos given by Mr. H. Annis were particularly enjoyable; while the dances performed by Miss Vera Jefford provided a fine combination of grace and charm. Madame Bonenfant played the piano delightfully, and Mrs. Russell-Brown's contributions were exceedingly good.

The full programme was as under:—
Mezzo Soprano Solo, "Melisand in the Wood" (Alma Gartz), Mrs. Sears.
Tenor Solo, (a) "Blush this little flower" (Sandon Ronald); (b) "I heard a Mavis calling" (Cecil Baumer), Mr. H. Annis.

Toe Dancer, "Sylvia," Miss Vera Jefford.

Mezzo Soprano Solo, (a) "A Memory" (Goring Thomas); (b) "Sweet and Low" (Somerset), Mrs. N. Matheson.

Piano Solo, "Elegie de Rachmaninoff," Madame Bonenfant.

Negro Spirituals (a) "Nobody knows de Trouble I've seen" (Burleigh); (b) "I got a Bohe (Burleigh), Mrs. Russell-Brown.

Mezzo Soprano Solo, "The Bonny Earl o' Moray" (Old Scotch Song), Mrs. Sears.

Classical Dance, "Bomance," Miss Vera Jefford.

Piano Solo, "Valse en la b" (Chopin), Madame Bonenfant.

Nursery Rhymes of London Town (Eleanor Fayson), Petticoat Lane, Cheapside, Mayfair, Whitechapel, Mrs. Russell-Brown.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, a Chinese employee of the Sanitary Department was charged with having driven a motor-lorry recklessly in Kowloon City Road on Saturday. Evidence was given that he crashed into a verandah pillar, causing one of the men in the car (who was the licensed driver) to be thrown out, and severely injuring another man who was walking on the pavement. The latter was rendered unconscious and had to be taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital. Defendant was shown charged with driving the lorry without a licence. He pleaded guilty to both charges. For the first offence he was fined \$25 with the alternative of one month's hard labour, and ordered to pay \$10 compensation to the man who was walking on the pavement, or undergo fourteen days' imprisonment. For driving without a licence, defendant was cautioned by the Worshipful magistrate that he would probably be dismissed from the Sanitary Department.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, a Chinese was charged with an assault on a ricksha coolie. The assault was committed following a dispute between the defendant and the coolie regarding the fare. It was stated that at the end of the journey the coolie asked for 15 cents and the defendant only tendered 10 cents. Defendant went into a boarding-house, and returned with a dish which he broke over the coolie's head, causing serious injuries. His Worship fined him \$25 and ordered him to pay \$20 compensation.

For disobeying the lawful orders of the Harbour Master, by towing 18 junks and 11 sampans through the Southern entrance of the Yau-mai Typhoon Shelter on the 19th inst., a steam launch coxswain was fined \$25 at the Marine Court yesterday by Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. For a similar offence in connection with nine junks and five sampans on the same day another coxswain was fined \$15.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., a steam launch master was fined \$10 for allowing his steam-launch, the *Tong Shing*, to be under way without a certificated engineer on board.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Lon Chaney, the star of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," is at his best in the Goldwyn melodrama, "A Blind Bargain," which will be the attraction at the Queen's Theatre for four days, commencing to-day. In this thrilling picture he adds two faces to the thousand he has previously accumulated and it is safe to say that without the guidance of the cast of characters no one would recognize him either as the half-mad physician, Dr. Lamb, or as the hunchback victim of one of the doctor's experiments in turning man back into his "simian prototype" by transplanting live monkey glands into his body.

HONGKONG PUBLIC WORKS.

PROGRESS REPORT.

The following quarterly progress reports for the quarter ending December 31st, 1924, were laid before the Legislative Council by Command of H.E. the Governor at yesterday's meeting:—

FIRE STATION BUILDING.

CONTRACTORS: MESSRS. TROLLOPE & CO. (KAR EAST), LTD.

Satisfactory progress has been made with this contract. The concrete casing to the ground floor stanchions and the reinforced concrete to the first floor are practically completed, the latter however was somewhat delayed towards the end of December owing to the non-delivery of cement. The wood casing to the second floor was well advanced while that to the third floor has been commenced. Good progress was made with the preparation of the granite work and about three quarters of the plinth to the building was built. The brickwork up to the ground floor level and backing to the granite plinth was completed. Considerable quantities of materials were delivered on the site, but as the available space for storage is limited, a slight congestion has been experienced, with a tendency to hamper building operations. This difficulty will, however, disappear as the building advances.

QUEEN'S PIER-ENTRANCE.

CONTRACTORS: MESSRS. YAU HING & CO.

With reference to the quarterly report of 30th September 30th, the date for completion of the contract was extended from 30th June to 4th October. The contractors gave definite assurance to finish the work within this extended period, while they were informed that in default the penalty would be enforced. As the contractors made no serious effort to fulfil their obligations, Clause No. 25 of the conditions of contract came into operation, with a penalty of \$100 for every week after the expiration of the extended time allowed. The progress during the month of October was very slow and actual building operations were again suspended from 17th to 23rd inclusive. On investigations of a protracted nature being made it was apparent that the contractors had once again failed to fulfil their assurances in regard to financial matters. The progress during the month of November was unsatisfactory, though a very slight improvement was shown towards the end of the month. The contractors and representatives of the Building Contractor's Association on behalf of the sub-contractor for the mason work, submitted suggestions and proposals for entering into an agreement whereby the latter would be guaranteed payment on the completion of the contract. After negotiations and conference had taken place the proposals were embodied in an agreement which was signed by the contractors on December 3rd. The agreement was submitted and approved by Government. A satisfactory improvement in the carrying out of the contract was shown during the month of December and night work was undertaken to expedite the work, however, there appears to be a tendency towards inferior workmanship. The work at present is practically completed up to the level of the Main Cornices and the value of the work actually built is approximately equal to three quarters of the value of the total contract.

NEW SAIYINGPUN SCHOOL.

CONTRACTORS: MESSRS. KIN LEE & CO.

Progress on this building during the past three months has been very good and about half of the carcass of the building is now constructed. If the present rate of progress is maintained throughout the work the School should be completed well within the contract time which expires in April, 1926. The level which the work has reached at the present time is as follows:—

Northern Half (comprising swimming pool; changing rooms, gymnasium, covered playground, etc.). At a level of about 22 feet above the playground.

Southern Half (comprising mainly class rooms, cloak rooms, etc.). At a level of about 25 feet above the playground.

The whole of the wood casing to receive the reinforced concrete floor above the gymnasium is completed and that above the covered playground is well in hand. The reinforced concrete floor to the whole of the Southern half is completed and the brickwork has reached a level of about 6 feet above it. The whole of the remainder of the steelwork on indent from Home required for the completion of the building has now arrived and is on the site and there is no reason for delay in the completion of the building that can be foreseen. The quality of the work so far executed is good.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

RENTS RESTRICTION ORDINANCE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon. Present:—

His Excellency the Governor (Sir R. E. STRASS, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General C. C. LARD, C.B.E., C.M.G.).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Sir CLAUDE SEVERN, K.B.E., C.M.G.).

The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E.).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McILMENN, C.B.E.).

Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

Hon. Mr. H. T. CLEARY (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE (Captain Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Sir HENRY POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.

Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG.

Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD.

Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTTEWALL.

Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER (Clerk of Council).

Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOT SON.

Major-General C. C. Lard, C.B.E., C.M.G. (General Officer Commanding the Troops), took the oath and his seat as a member of the Council.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were approved and signed.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: It is necessary, this being the first meeting of the year, to appoint the Standing Law Committee of the Council. I propose, with their consent, to appoint the Hon. Attorney-General, the Hon. Colonial Treasurer, Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. Holyoak and the Hon. Mr. Kottewall.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid on the table seventeen papers, being orders and regulations made by the Governor in Council, which have been published in issues of the Government Gazette since the last meeting.

FINANCE.

The Colonial Secretary: By command of H.E. the Governor, I beg to lay on the table financial minutes No. 1 to 9, and move that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney-General seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE JURORS' LIST.

The Colonial Secretary: Sir, I beg to lay on the table the Jurors' List for 1925.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR said the proposed Jurors' List would be considered at the end of the proceedings of the Council.

The List was considered *in camera*.

REGULATION MADE BY CHIEF JUSTICE.

The Colonial Secretary: I beg to lay on the table a Regulation made by the Chief Justice under Section 10 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1871, and move that this be approved by the Council.

The Attorney-General seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

RENTS RESTRICTION ORDINANCE.

The Colonial Secretary: Sir, I beg to move the resolution standing in my name. This resolution is moved in order that the question of continuing the Rents Ordinance may come before the Council for consideration, and after this resolution has been seconded, I will move a further resolution.

The resolution was as follows:—

"Whereas by section 10 of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, it was provided as follows:—

"This Ordinance shall continue in force until, and including, the 30th day of June, 1924: Providing that it shall be lawful for the Legislative Council from time to time by resolution to extend the duration of this Ordinance for such term, not exceeding one year at any one time, as may be specified in such resolution."

"And whereas by a resolution of the Legislative Council of the 22nd day of May, 1924, the duration of the said Ordinance has been extended until, and including, the 30th day of June, 1925."

"And whereas the Legislative Council deems it expedient that the duration of the said Ordinance should be further extended."

"Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Council that the duration of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, shall be extended until and including the 31st day of December, 1925."

The Attorney-General seconded.

The Colonial Secretary: I beg to move that this resolution be referred to a Committee of the whole Council for consideration.

The Attorney-General seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Does any hon. member desire to address the Council on the resolution at this moment?

There being no response,

H.E. THE GOVERNOR said: I should like to say—or rather underline what the Hon. Colonial Secretary has said—that my desire in bringing forward this resolution was to have something which the Council might consider, and it is put in this particular form not because it was in this particular form it was desired to propose it, but that the resolution would come forward at the moment in a form suitable to bring the matter before the Council. What is desired is very full consideration of the facts, but not only very full but rapid investigation is, I think, necessary. It is obviously very desirable that landlords and tenants should know in reasonable time before the 30th June, this year, how long they may expect the present system of control to continue. I suggested that the Committee should not be a special Committee, but a Committee of the whole Council, because I think it is a matter on which most members of the Council may desire to express their opinions. I suggest that those members who are not particularly interested may abstain from attending the meetings in Committee, and all those who really take a keen interest in the subject should do so regularly so that they can discuss the matter in which they are particularly concerned when it comes up. I shall be pleased if the Attorney-General would undertake the chairmanship, as it is obvious that many legal questions may arise, and in the event of his absence, I should propose that Sir Henry Pollock should act as deputy Chairman.

It is proposed and seconded that the resolution be referred to a Committee of the Council.

The motion was agreed to.

STAMP ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Attorney-General: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1921. This Bill proposes to make four amendments in the principal ordinance, all the amendments being of a minor character. It proposes to restore the old rule that all instruments whereby any contract is made with the Government shall be exempt from Stamp Duty. The present rule, introduced in 1921, is that only instruments on behalf of the Government are exempt from Stamp Duty; consequently the Bill provides that re-assignments and mortgages executed for the purpose of effecting the exchange of land of the Crown shall be exempt from duty, this being by way of analogy with the existing rule concerning re-assignments, and consequently new mortgages are exempt from duty. Thirdly, the Bill proposes to reduce the duty payable on transfers of property made for the purpose of effectuating the appointment of a new trustee. If these transfers of property are made on the same instrument as that on which new trustees are appointed they are covered by the single stamp duty of \$10 payable on the appointment of a trustee. But sometimes it is inconvenient to make these transfers of property in the same instrument as appoints a new trustee, and at present any such transfer made by a separate instrument is liable to Stamp Duty of \$20 on each instrument. The maximum stamp duty in England is 10/- on such a transfer. These transfers do not pass any beneficial interest, and should not pay so high a duty. It is proposed therefore to make \$5 the fixed duty in the case of a conveyance and the maximum duty in the case of transfers of mortgages. The Bill proposes to exempt from stamp duty receipts given for salary, wages or pensions. This follows the English Finance Act, 1924, and while it will not involve the sacrifice of much revenue it will be a great convenience, I think, because it is troublesome and inconvenient to stamp these receipts. I beg to propose the first reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General: I beg to move the first reading of the Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1923. The principal ordinance contains certain powers of search but these can only be exercised on an order of the Governor or on a warrant from a magistrate. Both these methods of procedure involve delay, and seem also to involve unnecessary expenditure of time and trouble. It is proposed, therefore, to substitute a power of search similar to that which has been inserted in the Opium Ordinance and other recent ordinances under which the Captain Superintendent of Police may authorise selected police officers to have powers of search for the purpose of this particular ordinance. That new power is contained in Section 11 which is based on a form which has been followed in the Opium Ordinance and other recent ordinances. The proposed new section 19 deals simply with the question of forfeiture and gives general powers to a magistrate to forfeit to the Crown. The new section 12 is a substitution of the old section 12 which deals both with forfeiture and search; in other words the new section 12 extracts the forfeiture provisions and enacts them in the form of the new section 11 containing all the necessary provisions in regard to search.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

ADVERTISEMENT REGULATIONS.

The Attorney-General: Sir, I beg to move the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the Advertisement Regulation Ordinance, 1912. The object of this Bill is to give wider power in making regulations for the control of advertisements. The present power is confined to the regulation of hoarding and similar structures used for advertising, and to regulation of advertisements in such places in such manner as affect injuriously the amenities of any public place or disfigure the natural beauties of the landscape. The proposed new power will be much wider and give the Council power to prohibit occulting signs, for which permission will be refused. Probably that prohibition would be *ultra vires* of the present ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

A BILL DEFERRED.

The Attorney-General: I beg to propose the next item on the Orders of the Day stand over.

This was for the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1871."

BILL TO INCORPORATE BISHOP.

The Attorney-General: I beg to propose the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Lord Bishop of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong. This Bill proposes to incorporate the Bishop in order to enable him to hold moveable property in perpetual succession, and particularly to hold the site of St. Paul's College which is at the present vested in the Archbishop of Canterbury who has consented to the land being now vested in the Bishop of Victoria. The Ordinance follows the usual form of incorporation ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: The Council will now proceed to consider the Jurors' List.

THE ADJOURNMENT.

After the Council had considered the Jurors' List *in camera*, His Excellency said the Council would adjourn until next Thursday.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was afterwards held, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

CHARITABLE ALLOWANCE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,011 on account of charitable services, charitable allowance to Mr. John Lee.

Approved.

A VOTE FOR THE LABORATORY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$300 in aid of the vote Medical Department, Government laboratory, other charges, apparatus and chemicals.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is required to purchase apparatus and chemicals. The Government Analyst has had an opportunity recently of investigating methods in Colombo harbour. The work is of a highly technical nature, but it is very desirable.

Approval.

A RAILWAY BRIDGE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$10,970 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, "Bridge 4."

The CHAIRMAN: This is a re-vote of the balance of the sum included in the 1924 estimates which was not expended.

Approved.

MOTOR REPAIR SHED.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$12,500 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, reconstructing the roof of the motor repair shed.

The CHAIRMAN: This is a re-vote of the balance of the vote of \$15,000 taken on June 15th last.

Approved.

TELEPHONE CABLE TO PEAK.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$8,000 on account of Public Works, extraordinary, Hongkong, miscellaneous, telephone cable to the Peak.

The CHAIRMAN: This expenditure of \$8,000 was approved by the Committee in April, 1923, the proposal being that certain Government aerial telephone lines should be replaced by underground cables. The cable arrived recently and the laying of it is urgently required.

Approved.

NEW X-RAY PLANT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$2,240.25 on account of Medical Department, other charges, hospitals and asylums, new X-ray plant.

The CHAIRMAN said: This has already been approved by the Committee.

Approved.

PURCHASE OF QUEEN'S GARDENS PROPERTY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$291,300 in aid of the vote Public Works, extraordinary, compensation and resumption.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is the balance of the purchase price of the Queen's Gardens property.

Approved.

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THE UNION CHURCH.

SEATHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the seatholders of the Union Church, Hongkong, was held in the Kennedy Road Church Hall, on Wednesday evening.

The proceedings began with a social gathering and tea, after which the annual business meeting was held. Mr. J. L. McPherson (Chairman of the Committee of Management), presiding.

The annual report of the Committee showed that the finances of the Church were in a sound condition, also that the Three-quarters Century Fund will again prove its utility in the coming year by relieving the General Funds of the burden of furlough expenses, as the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald is proceeding on leave this year. To fill the pulpit during his absence, arrangements are being made with ministers in Manila, Canada, etc., and with the aid of the Rev. J. H. Johnston, Minister of the Kowloon Union Church, in pastoral work, it is hoped to encompass these duties, and members of the congregation are asked, if it lies in their power, to carry on the general work of the Church.

The report and accounts were adopted unanimously on the motion of the Chairman.

The following were elected to the offices of the Church:—

Committee of Management: Mesdames Hickling and Ross, and Messrs. J. L. McPherson, George Gerrard, A. T. Hamilton, M. P. Key, H. J. Lamb, John Mitchell, W. W. Mackenzie, G. M. Shaw, A. Stevenson and O. Skinner.

Ladies' Committee: Mesdames Cubey, Gerrard, Hamilton, Horne, Mackenzie, Mitchell, Purvis, Dalgety, Whyte Smith, Shaw, Collett, and Ross.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. Cubey.

It was announced that a Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work is to be held during the coming summer in Stockholm. Practically the whole of the Protestant Churches of the World will be represented at this gathering, which is under the joint presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Upsala, The Patriarch of Constantinople and Dr. A. J. Brown, LL.D., of New York.

Hongkong is entitled to one representative at the Conference and it has been suggested by the Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy), that the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald should attend as the representative of the Protestant bodies in Hongkong. The delegates are to be the guests of the Swedish Government, and will number 500 in all, of whom 135 are to be invited from the British Empire.

Mr. Macdonald having expressed his willingness to attend the Conference, the meeting passed a resolution of endorsement, authorising him to act as their representative.

A brief address by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, in which he urged the Church and Congregation to do their utmost while he was away to keep the church up, concluded the proceedings.

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$10,000 on account of Public Works, extraordinary, miscellaneous works, Kowloon.

The CHAIRMAN: This vote for miscellaneous works at Kowloon was, unfortunately, omitted from the Estimates and as it is a general vote it is necessary to make provision. It is a curious omission and I do not know how it was omitted.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: A typist left it out in typing.

Approved.

RENT OF MARRIED POLICE QUARTERS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$8,140 in aid of the vote Police Department, other charges, rent of married police quarters.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum of money is required for the renting of certain quarters during the construction of No. 8 Police Station and also to provide quarters for married police officers in the Eastern District where there are no quarters available. I do not know whether the Committee would like me to go through the quarters that have been rented. One block of four flats of three rooms each in Wongneichong Road occupied by married police officers in the Eastern district and not required in the Central district. The rent is \$800 a month, or \$180 a flat. There is also a new block on Praya East, near Percival Street. They are four stories high and the rent is \$140 a month, or \$35 a floor. The top floor is to be fitted up by Government for occupation by single European police officers. There are a certain number of European sergeants returning from leave who have married while on leave, who will go into quarters in the Central district and certain rural quarters. The present summer quarters at Tai-pingshan, to which the police have no claim are occupied by married men. It is, therefore, imperative to lease further quarters, and also proceed with the utmost dispatch with the reconstruction of No. 8 Police Station. That is now being done. The new No. 8 Police Station will provide five sets of quarters, but they will not be ready until about the end of next year.

Hon. Mr. LANG: What qualifies a police officer for married quarters? What number of years' service?

The CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE: Every full sergeant, Crown sergeant or man of 30 years of age. The usual arrangement is that a man is allowed to marry after he goes home for the first time.

Approved.



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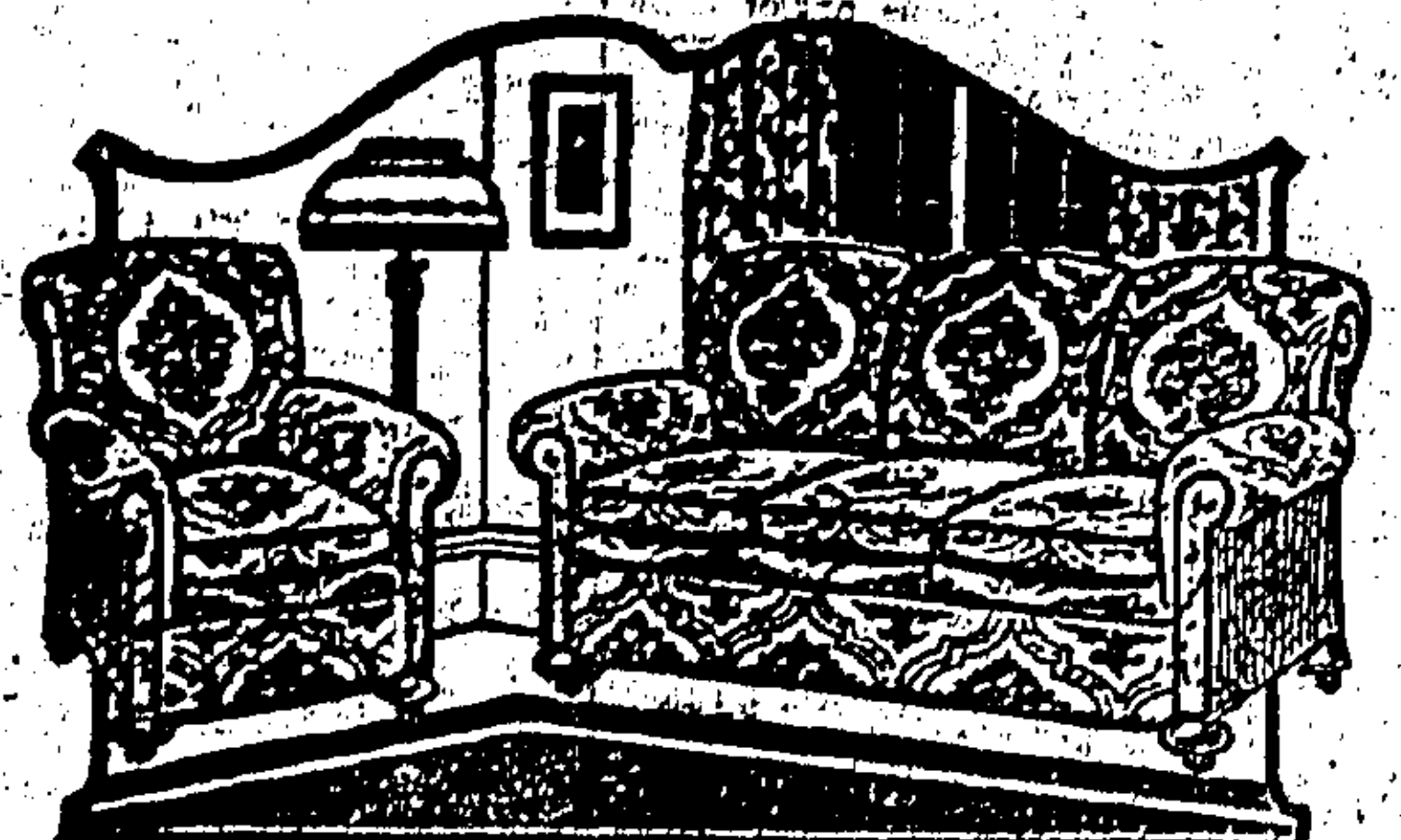
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QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS are hereby notified that the FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER of the Association will take place on SATURDAY, the 14th of MARCH, 1925, at 8 p.m., in Queen's College and NOT on the 7th of MARCH, as previously advertised.

By Order of the General Committee,
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.

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ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

AN EXAMINATION for the "Inspector of Nuisances" Certificate will be held at the Education Office on TUESDAY, 17th MARCH, and THURSDAY, 19th MARCH.

Entry Forms may be obtained on application to—

THE SECRETARY,
Board of Examiners,
ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE,
Education Office.

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GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS for SPECIE and MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the 15th (Commencement of His Majesty's Treasury, London, to and for the sum of £20,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, until 11 o'clock a.m., on the 27th FEBRUARY, 1925.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds sterling). No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Acts 22 George III, Cap. 45 and 41, George III, Cap. 55, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons or any person acting as an agent or otherwise for the benefit of the Government shall be permitted to tender for the same.

The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company.

R. A. DOBSON, L.C.,
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.P.C.
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hongkong, 26th February, 1925. [1920]

S.S. "YANG TSE."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, MANCHESTER, LONDON, etc., also from COGNAC, etc., as "DR. PIERRE BENOIT" in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 4th March, 1925, at Noon, will be subject to Bent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Saturday, the 7th March, 1925, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged Packages will be examined on Wednesday, the 4th March, 1925, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. BODENFUSEE,
Agent.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1925. [1919]

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th March, will be subject to Bent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 15th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1925. [1915]

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY DINNER.

THE above will be held in the ROOF GARDEN of the Hongkong Hotel on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, at 8 p.m. [1912]

INTIMATIONS

FOOTBALL.

"SUNDAY HERALD"

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP.

ENGLAND v. CHINA.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th.

CLUB GROUND—4.15 p.m. SHANGHAI. [1914]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HARRY VALLEY on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1925, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The First Race will be Run at 2.00 p.m.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure, Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LORREMAN & DAVIS at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Charter Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 3rd MARCH, 1925, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1924, and declaring a Dividend.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 18th FEBRUARY, 1925, until THURSDAY, the 3rd MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 14th MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1924, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 14th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1925. [1916]

THE NEW TERRITORIES BUILDING & AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named Company has issued a Prospectus dated the 5th day of JANUARY, 1925, a Copy of which has been filed with the Registrar of Companies in the Subscribers' Register of Companies in the Subscribers' Register at No. 2500 Shares of \$10 each payable as to \$2.50 per Share on Application \$2.50 per Share on allotment and as to balance on subsequent demand as and when further Capital is required subject to the assurance that no call will be made without at least One Month's prior Notice.

The Subscription List is Now Open.

Copies of the Prospectus and Forms of Application can be obtained from the Company's Bankers THE P. & O. BANKING CORPORATION, Ltd., and from the Registered Office of the Company in CHINA BUILDING (7th floor), Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the Public to subscribe for Shares and Applications will only be received on the footing of the full Prospectus and on the Form issued therewith.

Dated Hongkong, 26th February, 1925.
A. BENEMERITO,
Secretary.

7th floor, China Building, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong. [1922]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF ALEXANDER GORDON STEPHEN late of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Banker, Deceased.

[1892]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the provisions of Section 33 of the Probate Ordinance 1897 (No. 2 of 1897) at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Aberdeen in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty's Kine, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of Sale by Public Auction of the Lot.

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TO LET.

STORAGE SPACE on Marine Lots with Godowns and Chinese Houses TO LET.

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W. S. BAILEY & CO., LTD., Kowloon Bay.

PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS

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LETTERS are lying at this Office for Boxes—XK, XL, XS, YL, 39, 40, 880, 879, 1609, 1890.

TO LET—One Nicely Furnished DOUBLE ROOM with Board in Private House—Midland. Available 1st March. Apply Box No. 71, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [1910]

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the year ending 31st December, 1924, at the Rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 28th FEBRUARY, 1925, at the Office of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants. By Order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1925. [1901]

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED IN HONGKONG.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY EARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON and COMPANY, LIMITED, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of FEBRUARY, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, to Transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON and COMPANY, LIMITED, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of FEBRUARY, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, in the AFTERNOON, when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS WILL BE PROPOSED as Ordinary Resolutions—

(1) That the Authorized Capital of the Company (which is now \$1,625,000 consisting of 325,000 shares of the Nominal Value of \$5 each of which the whole have been issued) be increased to \$2,500,000 by the creation of 175,000 Additional Shares of the Nominal Value of \$5 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the Shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.

(2) That it is desirable to capitalise the Sum of \$1,425,000 being part of the Undivided Profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and accordingly for the purpose of effecting such capitalisation in pursuance of Article 128 of the Company's Articles of Association a bonus of \$5 per share on the issued Shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared and the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to satisfy such bonus by the distribution amongst the persons who are registered as holders of the present issued Shares of the Company on the 27th day of February, 1925, of One of the newly issued Shares of the Company credited as fully paid up in respect of every One existing Share of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and that such new ordinary shares rank for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares already issued.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 14th day of FEBRUARY, 1925, to FRIDAY, the 27th day of FEBRUARY, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which Period Transfer of Shares Cannot be Registered.

Dated the 10th day of February, 1925.
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Russell Street, Hongkong. [1874]

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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 27th, 1925.

ENCOURAGING THE DRAMA.

During the last fifty years the writers of plays have been very busy. Public interest in the theatre has increased. In England there have been formed societies or associations whose object is to encourage new talent. In Birmingham a local bookseller's assistant, Mr. JOHN DRINKWATER, was given his first opportunity to demonstrate his ability as an author in this way. In that city there are wealthy patrons of the drama and they have built and equipped a local theatre so that new plays may have a trial if they are not acceptable to the ordinary theatre manager. In Hongkong we have, so far, confined our efforts within the limits of the work usually undertaken by an amateur dramatic society. This year the Philharmonic Society has been giving its attention to the plays of GILBERT and SULLIVAN, so that we shall have the unique experience in this Colony of four productions by amateurs during one winter season. We have had our emotions stirred by Mr. SHAW's great play "Saint Joan" and now we are being treated to some rollicking fun in "French Leave." A few weeks later we shall have the delightful music and clever words of "The Gondoliers."

It is altogether an ambitious programme, and affords the proof that we have in our midst many who are enthusiastic supporters of the theatre. We may be excused for making a rapid survey of the possibilities presented to our local amateurs for future productions. No sooner is one task finished than the next is under discussion. Although the season will soon be here and during that time the choice will be given earnest consideration. The past ten or fifteen years show a very good record of activity on the part of the local A.D.C. They have given us SHAKESPEARE, and perhaps we may find that, for all the brilliance of the authors

now alive, the great English dramatist will be first in the minds of our local producers. We have had tragedy. Shall we have an example of what has been called "the drama of revolt?" In the Victorian era the great ideal was duty. Settled opinion clung strongly to the value of work and duty as the proofs of religion and economic welfare. The drama of the last quarter of a century has shown the revolt of the younger generation against inflexible discipline. We are not suggesting that the young generation of to-day are not dutiful; it cannot, however, be denied that young twenty-one of either sex has quite a different outlook on life to that which was prevalent amongst the youth of the Victorian, or even the Edwardian, era. It may be that it was the old theological doctrine of original sin which made the Victorians have the pessimistic view that man was essentially bad and could only attain virtue after a long process of severe discipline. During the five years immediately preceding the Great War there was a great output of drama which demonstrated that a stiff-necked generation of offspring failed to appreciate the ideals upon which their parents had moulded their lives. Perhaps we are tired of that sort of thing. Possibly the older generation do not regard the old ideas with the same certainty as they did before the war. They have not the same complacency; they are not so sure that their work was very good. Then there are the Irish dramatists—SYNGE, YEATS and the others. They, too, have been markedly successful. Possibly their work would not be popular out here. We have the oriental setting of Lord DUNSANY's play—is it too ambitious to attempt "Hastin"? It is a most difficult play for producer and actors, but it is the work of a genius. Many confess to a hankering after fairy tales. Is "Peter Pan" never to appear in Hongkong? There surely would be no greater treat for the children. Even the grown-ups must confess that they always find it delightful. It is just the thing for Christmas time, or perhaps the amusing story of "The Admirable Crichton" would be popular. These are only suggestions. No doubt, there will be many others in the near future. For the present we content ourselves with expressing the hope that the great output by the amateurs this season will only encourage them to further ambitions for next year.

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During January 13,470 Chinese immigrants arrived at Singapore, and 1,913 Chinese dock passengers left Singapore for China.

A black chow dog, which bit Mr. G. B. Twombly, Supervisor of the Botanical and Forestry Department, has been taken to Kennedy Town for observation.

Experiments have been tried in Perak in connection with laying planks of bridges on a bed of scrap rubber and it has been found to be most successful in reducing jolting and vibration.

There was another capital attendance at the Theatre Royal, last night, when the second performance of "French Leave" was given by the A.D.C. There will be a matinee this afternoon, while the final production takes place to-morrow night.

The Cathedral of the Good Shepherd at Singapore was the scene of a very interesting military wedding recently, when Miss Midge Maud Mary Thompson, only daughter of Colonel R. L. B. Thompson, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Mrs. Thompson, of 7, Auriol Mansion, West Kensington, was married to Harry Alfred Adrian Howell, of the Middlesex Regiment, eldest son of Colonel H. A. L. Howell, C.M.G., and Mrs. Howell, of Greenstone House, Lincoln. Both are well known and popular in Singapore, the bridegroom being Assistant Staff Officer to Local Forces, while Colonel Thompson, the father of the bride (who arrived from home by the *Kankar* on the day before the wedding) was General Officer Commanding Malaya prior to the arrival of Major-General Sir Theodore Fraser.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE COLONIAL OFFICE.
SUGGESTED CHANGES TO COPE
WITH IMPERIAL AFFAIRS.

LONDON, February 26th.

A considerable amount of reorganisation is proceeding at the Colonial Office. The object is to better enable it to deal with the growing mass of work involved in discussing Imperial affairs with the Dominions.

The Treasury committee is considering certain changes, which will involve increased expenditure. It is suggested that the designation of the Colonial Secretary be changed to Secretary of State for Imperial Affairs, or some other more suitable title. Also, there will be two permanent secretaries and parliamentary under-secretaries instead of one each. One in each class will devote himself exclusively to the Dominions and Irish affairs. The other branch will be concerned with Crown Colonies, Protectorates and mandated territories.

PRESIDENT EBERT.

CONDITION WITH PERITONITIS
REPORTED SERIOUS.

BERLIN, February 26th.

President Ebert is suffering from peritonitis.

He passed a bad night and his condition is serious.

"SUICIDE OF EUROPE."

POLISH ANXIETY REGARDING
ANGLO-FRENCH PACT.

WARSAW, February 26th.

Polish anxiety in regard to the possibility of the conclusion of an Anglo-French guarantee pact, in the event of the rejection of the Geneva Protocol, was voiced by the Foreign Minister, M. Skrzyski, in a speech before the Foreign Affairs committee in the Chamber. He expressed the opinion that the conclusion of such a pact, to the prejudice of the Franco-Polish Alliance, was impossible. The pact was apparently guaranteeing peace in the English Channel, while leaving the whole rest of the world at the mercy of events. It would not be a guarantee of peace, but of brutal war. The Anglo-French guarantee pact could only be understood as an element in the vast edifice in which the Franco-Polish pact would also take its place.

The best thing would be to establish a general guarantee of security, based on a general combination. Any other solution would bring Europe to suicide.

FREIGHTER ON FIRE.

S.S. "TEESDALE" BEACHED
NEAR ROTTERDAM.

AMSTERDAM, February 26th.

The British freighter *Teesdale* caught on fire near Rotterdam. Several of the crew of twenty were injured, but were rescued by pilot boats. A Japanese steamer, named *Katsuki*, died from burns while on the way to hospital. The *Teesdale* was towed in and run ashore still afloat.

BELGIUM AND SIAM.

PRINCE CHANDABURI CONFERS
WITH COMMERCIAL LEADERS.

ANTWERP, February 26th.

Prince Chandaburi, Siamese Minister of Commerce, had a long conversation in the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce with the Chamber heads and heads of the principal commercial firms in view of strengthening Belgo-Siamese commercial relations.

Prince Chandaburi is later proceeding to Holland.

U.S.S. "HURON" ASHORE.

MANILA, February 26th.

The flagship *Huron*, of the American Asiatic Fleet, went aground in the Malampaya Sound on the island of Palawan. There was no loss of life.

The *Huron* will probably be pulled off by the navy tug which are en route to the scene.

SHIP FLOATED OFF.

The U.S.S. *Huron* floated at midnight, presumably under her own power. Damage is reported not to be serious. No advice has been received whether the vessel will return to Manila or proceed to Java.

LATEST CABLES.

"THE WAR IS OVER."

BUT ITS EFFECTS ARE NOT
YET ENDED.

PARIS, February 26th.

Speaking at a luncheon of the Anglo-American Press Association, M. Herriot recalled that, on taking power, he promised to maintain France's historic friendship with the American and English democracies.

In London and at Geneva, he had fulfilled the promise to the best of his ability. France respects her engagements, but one must be just to her, who is now exerting all her energy to repair the terrible losses inflicted by war. In order to be just to France, it is necessary to take into account her generosity. For, while having so many provinces, whose houses are in ruins, she has assisted Germany's reconstruction and contributed a loan of 800,000,000 francs to this end.

M. Herriot stressed the point that the French Parliament will shortly establish a perfectly balanced budget of 35 billion francs, and France's restoration is the basis of all settlements to reach. The most difficult task is to avoid misunderstandings between nations; and, in order to solve it, we must exchange views clearly and frankly. The war is over, but the effects of war are not yet ended.

EARLIER CABLES.

ALLIES AND GERMANY.

DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF
REPORT OF COMMISSION.

LONDON, February 26th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson (L., Middlesbrough W.) asked the reason for the delay in the publication of the report of the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that there had been no delay. The Inter-Allied Military Committee at Versailles had only received the report on February 18th. It was the duty of that Committee to consider the report and submit their own comments on it to the Ambassadors' Conference, which would then report to the Allied Governments. "The question of publication must be decided by the Allies in consultation."

The object of the Allies must be to obtain fulfilment of those provisions of the Treaty of Versailles on which, by the terms of the Treaty itself, was made to depend the reduction in the period of the occupation of the Cologne area. Therefore, it would appear to be a question of expediency. Publication would depend on whether or not it would facilitate the satisfaction of the Allies' just demands and, consequently, the evacuation of Cologne.

AIRSHIP BASES.

SIR SHAFTON BRANCKER ON
PLANS FOR FUTURE.

BOMBAY, February 26th.

The Director of Civil Aviation, Sir Shafton Branker, interviewed by Reuter's correspondent, said it had been decided to make Karachi the first experimental airship base with a mooring mast and gas plant. The Imperial Government would spend \$1,250,000 on the erection of the base.

Sir Shafton declared that the Government of India must play its part, and he hoped that the Bombay Government would make the gift of a site. He emphasised that the time had arrived for India to rouse herself in aviation matters. There was too much talk about railways. They must think for the future of air lines connecting the important towns in India and speeding up the mail services.

REVOLUTION IN AIR TRAVEL.

LONDON, February 26th.

A revolution in air travel whereby airships of the future will travel more safely, faster and be able to moored to floating bases is foreshadowed in an authoritative statement in regard to the new 5,000,000-cubic feet airship now being constructed by the Airship Guarantee Company for the Imperial Airship Route.

It appears that the crew and passengers will be accommodated in the body of the craft instead of in outside cars, thus enabling an increase of speed by over 80 miles an hour, and a considerable increase in flight range, so that it will be possible to fly from England to Bagdad in two days, Colombo in four days, Fremantle in 6 1/2 days, and Auckland in 9 days.

LATEST CABLES.

FRENCH FINANCE BILL.

CHAMBER ADOPTS CLAUSES TO
INCREASE TAXES.

PARIS, February 26th.

The Chamber of Deputies has adopted the clauses of the Finance Bill, increasing the charge for supply of identity cards to foreigners from 60 to 200 francs, increasing the tax on luminous advertisements; imposing a tax on sky signs and pavement advertisements and also on assurance companies; doubling the charge for admission to State Museums and authorising policemen to collect fines on the spot.

PLEA FOR ASIATICS.

GENERAL SMUTS APPEALS TO
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

CAPE TOWN, February 26th.

Speaking in the Legislative Assembly at the second reading of the Bill to amend the Mines and Works Act, which restricts employment to natives and Asiatics in mines and factories, the former Premier, General Smuts, urged the Government to avoid casting a stigma on Asiatics in Legislation, by coupling them with natives. "We shall gather on our heads the hatred of the whole of Asia from North to South." Every Asiatic country, he said, was branded by the Bill and they would feel the weight of their hatred for years to come. The debate was adjourned.

EARLIER CABLES.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

LATEST RESULTS OF LEAGUE
MATCHES.

LONDON, February 26th.

In their replayed matches in the English Cup competition, Blackpool, beat West Ham by three goals to nil, and West Bromwich Albion beat Aston Villa by two goals to one.

ENGLISH LEAGUE MATCHES.

In the first division of the English League, Cardiff beat Everton by two goals to one.

In the second division of the English League, Port Vale beat Stockport by two goals to nil, Derby beat Bradford City by two goals to nil, and South Shields beat Fulham by two goals to one.

SCOTTISH CUP REPLAY.

In their replayed match in the Scottish Cup competition, Aberdeen beat Motherwell by two goals to one.

DRAW FOR FOURTH ROUND.

In the fourth round, to be played on March 7th, the draw resulted as follows: Dundee v. Broxburn U. St. Mirren v. Celtic. Aberdeen v. Hamilton. Kilmarnock v. Rangers.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

The matches in the Scottish League resulted as follows: Falkirk beat Johnstone by two goals to nil, Hibernians beat Raith Rovers by three goals to nil, Kilmarnock beat Gretnock Morton by three goals to one, Dundee beat Ayr United by one goal to nil, and Glasgow Rangers and Airdrie divided two goals.

LATEST CABLES.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.

A LUCKY LAWYER.

MR. DAVID MILTON TO WED MISS
ABBY ROCKFELLER.

NEW YORK, February 26th.

That he was harked to defend one of America's richest girls, who was arrested on two charges of exceeding the speed limit, proved most fortunate for a young lawyer, named David Milton.

As a sequel, his engagement is announced to Miss Abby, daughter of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The announcement is made by the girl's parents. The marriage will take place in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton will reside in an unpretentious apartment, which has already been selected. In both courts cases, Miss Abby Rockefeller received suspended sentences.

GERMANY AND AMERICA.

MIXED CLAIM COMMISSION AGREE
ON VALUE OF MARK.

WASHINGTON, February 26th.

The German-American mixed claims commission have agreed to compute the value of the mark at sixteen cents (gold) in settling claims of Americans, involving pre-war bank balances in Germany and pre-war debts in marks, owed by German nationals.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE PAN CHEN LAMA.

RECEIVED BY TUAN CHI JUI
IN AUDIENCE.

PEKING, February 26th.

The Chief Executive, Tuan Chi Jui, received the Pan Chen Lama in audience this morning.

Tuan stood to receive his visitor who bowed once. Tuan similarly responded, after which the Chief Executive led the Lama to the inner room, where they sat and talked for ten minutes.

Prince Kaiching, Chief of the Tibetan and Mongolian Affairs Department, and Mr. Huang Kai Wei, Grand Master of Ceremonies, introduced the Pan Chen Lama. The latter presented *hate* to Tian.

The latter will return the call tomorrow, when gifts will be presented to the Pan Chen Lama.

JAPANESE NAVY.

NUMBER OF SHIPS ENGAGED IN
MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, February 26th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Commander C. Bellairs (C., Maidstone), Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that 193 ships were engaged in the manoeuvres of the Japanese navy last October, composed of 6 battleships, 3 battle cruisers, 37 cruisers and miscellaneous other vessels, 97 destroyers, 35 submarines and 15 auxiliaries.

JAPAN AND SOVIET.

NOTIFICATIONS OF RATIFICATION
OF TREATY EXCHANGED.

PEKING, February 26th.

M. Karakhan, this afternoon, visited the Japanese Legation, where notifications of ratification were exchanged. The treaty is thus now in operation.

The procedure occurred at the bedside of Mr. Yoshizawa, who still laid up.

NEW JAPANESE CRUISER.

TOKYO, February 26th.

The light cruiser *Furukata*, 7,500 tons, was launched at Nagasaki yesterday.

EARLIER CABLES.

ARGENTINE CURRENCY.

AMERICAN PURCHASE TO EASE
PRESENT STRINGENCY.

NEW YORK, February 26th.

The National City Bank of New York has purchased \$10,000,000 worth of gold, being part of the \$30,000,000 to be held by the Federal Reserve Bank here against the issue of additional peso notes to relieve the currency stringency in the Argentine, which, it is understood, will ship this gold to Buenos Aires as permanent cover for the currency if after five months the additional paper money remains in currency.

KURD INSURRECTION.

RISING UNDER FANATIC SHEIK
SAID.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 26th.

A message from Angora states that an insurrection among the Kurds has broken out in several districts in Anatolia headed by the Sheik Said, who is alleged to be a fanatic visionary whose object is to restore the Khalifate and form a Kurdish State.

It is reported that the insurgents captured Harput.

Two Turkish divisions have been dispatched to restore order.

LATEST CABLES.

LIQUOR ON U.S. TRANSPORT.

WASHINGTON, February 26th.

The navy transport *Deaunt* returned from a cruise in the West Indies, when prohibition agents boarded the vessel and seized 40 cases of liquor concealed in the rooms of the men and petty officers.

OBITUARY.

SENATOR M. MCCORMICK.

WASHINGTON, February 26th.

The Republican Senator, Medill McCormick, was found dead in a hotel, death apparently being due to gastric hemorrhage.

POLITICAL SITUATION
IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MORE FIGHTING IN CHINA.

HEAVY ARTILLERY MOVING FROM
KAIFENG AS PRELUDE.

KAIFENG, February 26th.

Considerable heavy artillery moved westward from Kaifeng last night, preparatory to the impending conflict between Hu Ching Yi and Kan Yu Kan, which now seems inevitable.

REORGANISATION CONFERENCE.

PEKING, February 26th.

The Reorganization Conference will hold its third business meeting tomorrow afternoon.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

DR. SUN YAT SEN.

LATEST BULLETIN DISCLOSES
GRAVE STATE OF HEALTH.

PEKING, February 26th.

Dr. Krig's bulletin to-day states that the weakness of Sun Yat Sen is increasing, his appetite and sleep are less, and his physical condition is weaker, but his mind remains clear. The pulse is 125, and temperature 99.5.

SITUATION IN HONAN.

PEKING TAKES STEPS TO
PREVENT FIGHTING.

PEKING, February 26th.

A mandate says that the troops stationed in Honan recently occupied the adjacent areas and trouble was liable to occur. The Government, however, telegraphically instructed Hu Ching Yi and Kan Yu Kan to withdraw their troops 50 li from the dividing line with a view to preventing a further clash. The Government also sent Sun Yach to the scene in order to inspect the military situation. All commanding officers in Honan are hereby instructed to order their men quickly to carry out the order of withdrawal mentioned above. "Let them keep the Government informed regarding the situation from time to time."

A TIME REFORM.

ASTRONOMICAL AND CIVIL TIME.

In accordance with an agreement arrived at three years ago by an international conference of astronomers, astronomical time has now been abandoned and ordinary civil time substituted. The change was ordered to be made this year, and the "Nautical Almanac" for 1925 has all its astronomical data in Greenwich mean time, in accordance with civil usage. Hitherto astronomers and seamen (who use the "Nautical Almanac" for navigation purposes) have commenced the day at noon of the previous civil day, and counted twenty-four hours to the next noon, which led to much confusion. Both the astronomical and the civil days now begin at midnight, but the "Nautical Almanac" retains the twenty-four-hour system, midnight being "oh" and noon "12h." But where certain phenomena begin before midnight and end after, the midnight hour is exceptionally "24h."

All national Nautical Almanacs have been similarly altered this year, including the German "Berliner Jahrbuch," about which there was some uncertainty. The French "Connaissance des Temps" and the American "Nautical Almanac" refer to the new time as "Civil Time," while the British "Nautical Almanac" calls it "Mean Time," but both terms mean the same thing. "Sidereal time," which is peculiar to astronomers, and varies greatly from mean or civil time, will still continue to be used, but as this has no application to civil purposes no confusion can arise.

THE VIRTUES OF CASTE.

No scheme of Indian progress is worth consideration (says a writer in *Blackwood*) that ignores the very foundation of Indian life—namely the caste system. Although utterly uncomprehended in England, and there regarded as a medieval aristocratic survival, the caste system in reality is a democratic institution, in what Kipling has called in "Kim" the only democratic country in the world. In India upon this caste system depend the dignity of labour, personal and communal hygiene, public and private decency, and economic efficiency. To those Socialists in the West who suspect it of being a mere capitalist shackle on the workers it may be explained that the field labourer or common soldier is frequently of higher caste than the prince who employs him; and that if there be any aristocratic idea present, it concerns an aristocracy of spiritual and not of Belgravia values. There has been much talk between conflicting British political parties as to whether India is "ripe" or "unripe" for Western forms of Government. Will such simple provincials never learn that India is "over-ripe" for the rather naive and crude idealism of the West, and only desires and needs Western advice and guidance on severely concrete matters where peculiar circumstances and abnormal conditions hamper her native genius?

"BENVANNCH'S" STRANDING.

CAPTAIN AND SECOND OFFICER
REPRIMANDED.

A Marine Court of Enquiry into the circumstances attending the stranding of the Ben liner *Benvannoch* on a reef at Tree Island on the morning of January 25th last has been held at Singapore, Mr. P. A. F. David, District Judge and First Magistrate, presided, assisted by Captain P. R. Stevens, D.S.O., R.N., Senior Naval Officer; Captain John E. Edwards, R.D., R.N.R.; Acting Master Attendant, and Captain John G. Follett, of the Singapore Pilot Association.

Mr. G. G. Seth, Solicitor-General, appeared for the Crown, assisted by Lieut. Wilson, acting Deputy Master Attendant, the Hon. Mr. C. Ewerit appeared for the Master and Mr. C. H. Smith, of Messrs. Donaldson and Burkinshaw, for the second mate.

COURT'S FINDING.
The following is the finding of the Court:—
Was the *Benvannoch* properly equipped and in a seaworthy condition, as regards her hull and machinery?—Yes.
Where and at what time did the casualty occur?—At 2 a.m. on January 25th, on Tree Island, Singapore Strait.

Was the *Benvannoch* provided with her proper complement of officers as required by the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act?—Yes.

Was the *Benvannoch* provided with the requisite charts, sailing directions, and navigating instruments?—Yes.

Was there a qualified officer of the watch on the bridge prior to and at the time of the casualty?—Yes.

Was a proper lookout kept on board this ship?—Yes.

Were proper steps taken by the Master to ensure the safe navigation of the ship?—No (see answer to 10a).

Was every effort made to float the ship after she grounded?—Yes.

Did the ship sustain material damage affecting her seaworthiness?—No.

10a. Was the casualty caused by the negligence, error of judgment or unskillful navigation of Charles Frederick Marsh, Master of the *Benvannoch*?—Yes.

The Master was guilty of negligence in not taking steps to verify the ship's position after being repeatedly informed by the Second Officer that the ship had a southerly set.

10b. Was the casualty caused by the negligence, error of judgment or unskillful navigation of James Henry Nicholson, second mate of the *Benvannoch*?—Yes.

He was negligent in contenting himself with the verbal instructions of the Master, and failing to realise his responsibility as officer of the watch. It was clearly his duty to take more stringent measures for the safe navigation of the ship.

The Court found both guilty of negligence and to be severely reprimanded. The costs of the enquiry to be paid by the Master and Mate in equal shares.

COUSINS' ALTERCATION.

FATAL FIGHT AT SHAMSHUIPO.

The story of a fight which ended fatally at the Tung King Leung Boater Quay at Shamshuiipo was told to Mr. L. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon magistracy yesterday, when Yuen Kan, a workman at the foundry, was charged with the manslaughter of another employee.

Sub-Inspector Hutchins, who conducted the case for the police, said that defendant and deceased were cousins, residing at the same house with the former's mother at Lai-chick Road. On the morning of the 23rd February, both men were working together. Deceased asked defendant to carry a piece of iron to the workshop but he refused, whereupon an altercation arose. Deceased picked up a hammer and rushed on defendant, and the latter picking up a piece of wood struck his aggressor on the head. On being conveyed home deceased fainted and a doctor was called, but the man later succumbed to his injuries. Defendant continued working until noon, but on his being informed of his cousin's serious condition, he stopped work and was arrested later at Shamshuiipo.

Defendant was remanded until Wednesday.

"FRENCH LEAVE."

A CORRECTION.

The writer of our report of the first-night performance of "French Leave" at the Theatre Royal, writing under yesterday's date, says:—

"On opening the paper this morning, I discovered that I had, in what George Borrow calls 'the furor of composition,' allowed an error to creep into my report. In it I alluded to the 'very effective broken English in which Mr. J. G. Moncrieff and Mrs. H. W. Bird rendered their roles as a French interpreter and an elderly Frenchwoman respectively.' I hasten to make an entirely unsolicited correction, and to point out that Mrs. Bird speaks all her lines very ably in voluble and excellent French."

A Chinese problem, complete with Chinese documents, a solicitor who can speak Chinese, and a Chinaman's wife who speaks with a Welsh accent, came before Mr. Justice Finlay in the Law Courts on January 26th for solution. It concerned a laundry at Gloucester, which Ham Hong, of Hongkong—who had given power of attorney in British of "Hung Ming Mac"—had sold to Chin Woe Hop. A balance of £257 of the purchase price of the laundry was claimed, and the claim was granted.



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SIX NEW LONDON BRIDGES. PROPOSALS OF A DEPUTATION.

A proposal that there shall be six new bridges over the Thames has been made by a deputation, introduced by Lord Crawford to the Special Committee of the London County Council dealing with this question. The members of this deputation included Sir Ranister Fletcher, Sir William Davison, Professor S. D. Adshad, and others.

The view expressed by the Royal Institute of British Architects is that the problem of the bridges cannot be separated from that of traffic congestion. It is argued that there is a need for a new bridge at a point near the Temple Station, linking up the North London tramway system directly with South London. The Institute reiterates their conviction that there is also a need for a road bridge at Charing Cross that will carry the traffic either above or below the Embankment and the Strand. It is also suggested that the main approach to Lambeth Bridge from the west should be south of Victoria Station. The societies represented on the deputation strongly oppose the suggestion to build a bridge at a point opposite St. Paul's.

The Town-Planning Institute is putting forward an even more comprehensive plan, which will involve a double rail and road bridge at Lots Road, a new road bridge at Barnes, a new road bridge at Hurlingham, a high level bridge at Woolwich, the re-building of Lambeth Bridge, in addition to the proposed new bridges at Charing Cross and at the eastern end of Aldwych. The Institute points out that from the Tower Bridge to Kingston Bridge, a distance of twenty-one miles, there are only sixteen road bridges, and that owing to the loss of Lambeth Bridge there are exactly the same number of road bridges across the Thames as existed fifty years ago, when the population was considerably less than half its present size.

The London Society urge a plan for the development of London south of the Thames, considering that this is essential to any decision concerning the central London bridges.

A RAILWAY CLIMB.

THE ORDEAL OF THE TRANS-ANDINE RAILWAY.

Although the distance is only about eighty miles, including all the twists and turns in the track, the journey from La Oroya to Oroya (says Mr. J. de V. Loder in the *Contemporary*) takes twelve hours. From sea level to the tunnel of La Oroya through the topmost ridge of the Western Cordillera, there is a rise of 15,000 ft., about the same as the height of Mont Blanc. After this, there is a drop of some 3,000 ft. to Oroya. Out of a valley filled with tropical fruits and flowers the train mounts to an atmosphere too scarce for any vegetation; passing backwards and forwards along ledges in the mountain side, sometimes four or five of them above each other on the same slope, through tunnels and over bridges across yawning chasms. The track is standard gauge and the gradient is a steady one in twenty-five, but there is no rack. The scenery is not so grand as that on the Trans-Andine Railway, but one's breath is constantly being taken away in wonder at the far more marvellous engineering achievement.

And one's breath is not a thing to be wasted, for such an ascent in so short a space is trying to the strongest heart and lungs. After 11,000 ft. any superfluous movement should be avoided. We were advised to have a good breakfast soon after starting at 7.30 a.m. and to sit perfectly still thereafter until we had crossed the summit. As a consequence, we felt no great inconvenience, though a half-hour's wait at Tielio, at the entrance of the summit tunnel, made us both feel rather queer—just as if one might faint at a slight "prevention." Others in the carriage were less fortunate. The train attendant carries a tube of oxygen, and as each person dropped off there was a dash to administer the reviving gas. This mountain sickness, or *soroche*, as it is called here, can be very unpleasant and may be fatal to people with weak hearts and lungs. Undue exertion until one is well acclimatised may bring it on in the strongest with sickness, palpitations and fever. Much pride has had its fall up here, and it behoves the most experienced mountaineers to be careful.

GREAT AERIAL JUNCTION.

BERLIN'S NEW AERODROME TO BEGIN NEXT YEAR.

Preparations for turning the Tempelhofer Feld in the east of Berlin, formerly a parade-ground, into the biggest velodrome in Europe have now reached completion. It is believed that Germany will start on this project next year, and that Berlin in consequence will become the most important centre for aircraft bound on trans-European and longer journeys.

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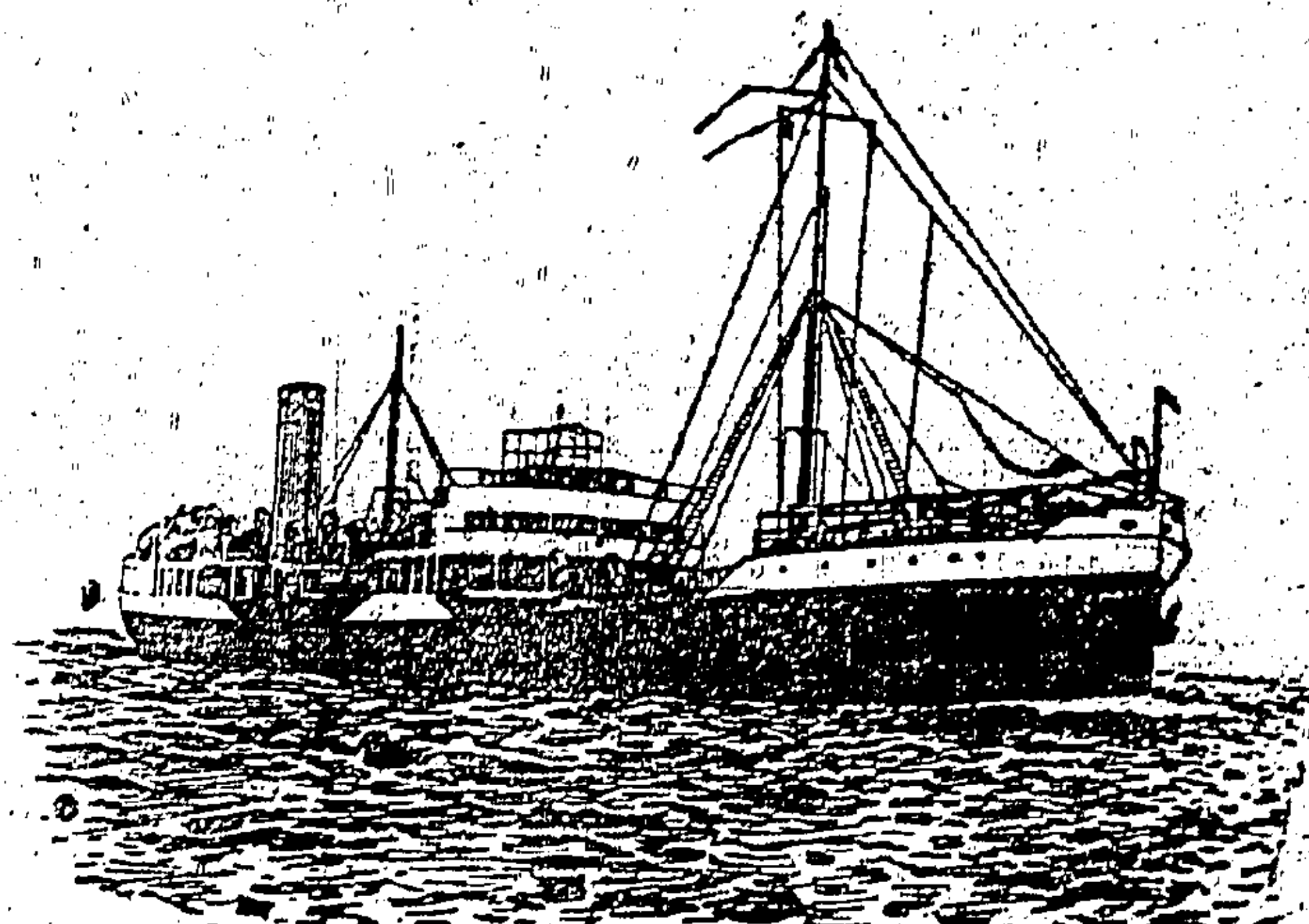
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"KASHGA"	9,006	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	21st Mar.	Singapore & Bombay
"MIEZPORE"	6,715	26th Mar.	Singapore & Bombay
"SICILIA"	6,812	1st Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Ceylon
"KANTUA"	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
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"TAKIWA"	7,838	9th Mar.	do.
"TAIREA"	7,933	19th Mar.	do.
"AKADA"	6,946	1st Apr.	do.
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"TILAWA"	10,000	25th Apr.	do.

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"SICILIA"	6,812	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Mar.	Moji & Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,902	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TAKIWA"	7,838	9th Mar.	Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	9,006	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	28th Mar.	Kobe
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Apr.	Moji & Kobe
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th June	Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	9,006	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 1st Mar., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 2nd Mar., 11 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"FUNKAN"	On 2nd Mar., 11 a.m.
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SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 3rd Mar., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & NEWCHOW	"WUHU"	On 3rd Mar., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"TCHOW"	On 4th Mar., Noon.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAKING"	On 4th Mar., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 5th Mar., 11 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 5th Mar., 11 a.m.
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